

Park, Trails & Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Cottonwood Heights City Zoom

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**Attendees:** Melissa Fields, Ben Hill, Sarah Ricketts, Mike Menssen, Jennifer Shah, Greg Reid, Andy Hulka, Paula McFarland, Chris Owens, Christine Mikell, Erin Davis, Michael Johnson, Kristy Morrison, Bruce Jorgensen,

**Not Present:** Ronna Cohen, Greg Hilbig, Matthew Dominesey, Carl D (Dave) McFerren,

**Discussion:**

**City / Staff Council Updates**

- **Mike Johnson, Community & Economic Development Director**
  - BST Access Master Plan was approved and unanimously adopted by the council last week
  - The most substantial recommendation made after our committee reviewed the master plan: after the overflow parking lot for ferguson is made, then plans to eliminate parking at the immediate trailhead - there would only be parking down low, will help reduce traffic through the neighborhood
  - Also, one of the regional access points near the Utah Open Lands parcel was changed to a secondary access point to stay in line with the conservation areas
  - What is the timeline for building the overflow lot? Mike J. - the grant funds are thru Wasatch Front Regional Council, we are working through all the steps - an environmental impact study, start design/engineering in the next few months, start work next summer
  - Anne Eatchel trying to organize a holiday lighting contest for community residents, she wants the judges to come from various city committees - **send Mike an email if you're interested in representing our committee**
  - South Jordan canal - now paved all the way to Ft Union, only a small punchlist of things to do to finish, the plan is that snow won't be removed from the path for the winter, should be ready for public use in the next few weeks
  - Waterway Cleanup - encouraging people to go out on their own? Event is usually run thru USU, it is different this year because of covid, encouraging people to pick a site and go clean up any trash that you see
- **Christine Mikell, Councilmember District 4**
  - Raised possibility of adding more single track trail to connect neighborhoods to Utah Open Lands parcel, asking for opinion of the committee
  - Timeline? We have to wait for Utah Open Lands to officially close but thinks it would be a nice tie-in

- **Ben Hill, Service Area Executive Director**
  - Not much to report, currently in budget planning process
  - Bathrooms should be all closed except Mountview Park
  - Tennis and pickleball courts stay open but not maintained
  - Melissa - RTP grants - sales tax revenues were better than expected through all of this - does the service area have any rtp grants outstanding or turned down?  
Haven't opened track grants at all, wayfinding/signage projects put on hold, sales tax locally was good
  - Greg Reid - all caught up on downed trees? City had emergency response got trees off trails, then went back in and got moderate concerns, they are all caught up, Golden Hills was hit hard along with Bywater Park
  - Melissa - are they limiting numbers for the Thanksgiving 5k Run? Anticipating doing it but keeping safety precautions, do the 5k run on your honor on your time, will still have awards, think numbers will be down this year

### **Open Space Master Plan presentation and discussion**

- **Andrew Hulka**
  - Ran through the separate areas of the master plan
  - Discussed possible walking route all the way around the city
  - Looking in Crestwood area - asked to add creek and a pathway along the creek
  - Suggestion: is there a way to differentiate a bit more strongly between open space types for example private/existing, private/proposed, etc
  - Next steps: if we want to move forward, compile draft of an actual document/master plan, focus on that through November on getting draft together, hopefully have a rough draft at our next meeting
  - **Last call for feedback on maps on November 4th**
  - Request to add trail proposed by Councilmember Mikell earlier in the meeting

### **Project updates: Utah Open Lands' open space campaign, walking routes, Bonneville Shoreline Trail committee**

- Utah Open Lands update: moving forward, press release coming soon, city made a large contribution today, Utah Open Lands taking care of paperwork etc.
- Please wait for the official press release before sharing openly
- Over 500 unique donors
- Wendy Fisher from Utah Open Lands was hired by the city to negotiate easements along the parcel
- The walking routes project completed! There will be an article in the November newsletter about the routes. Pamphlets printed and will be distributed shortly

### **New Business**

- **Officer nomination: chair and secretary**
  - Jenn Shah nominated to act as chair, motion passed
  - Greg Reid will act as secretary
- **Additional new business/discussion items**

- Waterway clean up - Melissa and several other committee members going to Crestwood Saturday, October 31 for a clean up at 11:00 a.m., meet at the cement bridge as you come into the park
- What do we think about an attendance expectation, perhaps commit to attend 7 out of 11 meetings each year? Several members agree. **Mike J will send what he has on the bylaws and ordinances to Jenn and Melissa to see how to incorporate.**
- Chris Owens suggested taking stock of amenities in each park, possibly a discussion point for a future meeting?
- Any analysis on the impact/pressure on our current infrastructure.
- Owned by county, we are maintaining, but if we enhance then they come and take it back, we are at a loss, what if we did a pump track, cannot modify the area without their written consent, recently got bid for cleaning up the area, service area's responsibility to maintain, they want to get it up to par but comes after Antczak park clean up

#### **Review Action Items**

- **Send Mike Johnson an email if you are interested in being a judge for the holiday lights contest**
- **Send any further feedback on the open space maps to Andrew Hulk by November 4**
- **Waterway clean up - meet at Crestwood Park on Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. if you want to join**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2020**